of 9000 men was in position at the Somosierra, and 4000 at Sepulveda. We defeated those at Somosierra, captured their guns, 50 transport wagons, and a great number of prisoners.

December 4th, Madrid:

Madrid has capitulated, and we occupied it at noon.

From the date of the publication of the present decree, feudal dues are at an end in Spain. The tribunal of the Inquisition is abolished as infringing on the sovereign power and civil authority. From the 1st of January next, the custom houses between province and province shall be suppressed and carried to the frontiers.

llth, Chamartin:

(To Alexander, Prince of Neuchatel.) My Cousin: Send one of your staff officers to Talavera so as to get news of what the English are doing.

22d, Madrid:

I am starting immediately to operate against the English, who appear to have received reinforcements and to be making a show of boldness.

The English move is extraordinary. It is clear that they have left Salamanca. It is probable that they have sent their transports to Ferrol, with the idea that a retreat on Lisbon would be dangerous.

The whole of the Guard is on the march. We shall probably reach Valladolid on the 24th or 25th.

Afternoon, Pass of the Guadarrama:

(Napoleon passes astride on a gun in the midst of a terrific snowstorm. The soldiers: Convicts suffer less than we do! Shoot him down, damn him!)